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Federal Reserve Board
Re: Docket No. R-1225

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Re: RIN 3064-AC89

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
Re: Docket Number 05-04

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am very concerned about your latest proposals for changing the Community Reinvestment Act. While I appreciate your recent decision to withdraw some suggestions for weakening this critical community and economic development law, I am disappointed by the latest round of proposed changes. Access to capital is absolutely essential to the economic health of our communities, and the CRA is absolutely essential to that access.

As a socially responsible investor, I am a strong supporter of the Community Reinvestment Act, which has helped ensure that people and businesses in underserved communities have access to vitally needed capital.

Again, I thank you for withdrawing your earlier proposal to allow midsize banks to pursue only one type of community development activity — loans, investments, or services — rather than all three.

However, I strongly urge you to withdraw the proposed new changes under which CRA exams would no longer look at how many branches a bank operates in underserved communities, and banks would no longer have to disclose data on how much credit they provide for community development, small farms, and small businesses. Banks must be held accountable for serving struggling communities, and the public must be able to make sure they are meeting their obligations. The transparency provided by required disclosure is essential to ensuring that the CRA remains effective.

Yours Sincerely,

Matt Kane